

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Hunts Grove Parish Council Meeting  
**Date and time:** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.15pm  
**Venue:** Hunts Grove Primary Academy

**Present:**

Cllr Mark Ryder (Chair)  
Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes  
Cllr Adam Hampson  
Cllr Kevin Thorne  
Cllr Sandra Meecham (via Microsoft Teams – non-voting)

**Also In Attendance:**

County Cllr Stephen Davies (until 7.10pm)  
Ms L Brailsford, Crest Nicholson representative (via Microsoft Teams)  
District Cllr Oxley (via Microsoft Teams).

**386/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**387/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**388/23 MINUTES**

- a) Council **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- b) Council reviewed the outstanding actions.

**389/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**390/23 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported on County Council matters; Cllr Davies has had a conversation with County Cllr Morris reference the highways access to Hunts Grove and a reply is expected after 12<sup>th</sup> January. GCC has extended the payment to residents hosting Ukrainian families. Cllr Turner-Wilkes requested Cllr Davies to find out an update as to when Hunts Grove PC will be advised of the outcome of

the community speedwatch funding application. Cllr Hampson asked Cllr Davies to find out if the hedging along Waterwells Drive could be maintained.

District Councillor Mark Ryder had no update since the previous parish council meeting.

### 391/23 GROUPS, EVENTS & PROJECTS

- a) Hunts Grove Wombles update: next litter pick on 14<sup>th</sup> January.
- b) Easter Community Day, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. An easter bunny has been booked for the fun day. No further plans until grant applications are known.
- c) King's Coronation celebration on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, update will be available at the next meeting.
- d) Bee-squared, the Council agreed to support the initiative in Hunts Grove Spring 2023 through promotion via the website and social media. **Action: Clerk.**
- e) Council received an update on naming public open spaces and agreed to contact the stakeholders including the school and developers. Cllr Thorne will publish a blog post to encourage residents to get involved and help identify potential names for public open spaces. **Action: Cllr Thorne.**
- f) Council considered the active travel report from Cllr Thorne; Cllr Ryder mentioned the requirement for developers to produce a travel plan and one was produced for Marconi. It was agreed that Cllr Thorne would continue discussions with Gloucestershire Highways and Stroud District Council. **Action: Cllr Thorne.**

### 392/23 DEVELOPMENT SITE UPDATES

- a) Update from Crest Nicholson; Lucie will find out what the plans are for community building and allotments meetings now that Paul Williams has left Crest. There are bee-friendly areas planned at the public open spaces (POS). Update due from the contractor awarded the Harrier Way surfacing works and a schedule of works will be shared with the parish council. A38 junction works paperwork still to be completed and Crest are ready to commence works as soon as the paperwork has been signed. Main POS – everything has been resolved with Four Seasons Landscaping. Landscaping to be completed this month. Tree works are going through the approval process and will then be actioned. Replacement trees have been ordered. Lucie will follow-up with Fran for the storage unit plan for the Clerk to submit to Planning. The fence graffiti has gotten worse. There is standing water on the public open space, particularly around the new play equipment. A contractor is driving a 4-wheel drive around the main POS to access Bellway, this is creating deep ruts in the ground. There was also an incident over the Christmas holiday with a flatbed lorry driven around the POS and then crashed into signage by the school.
- b) Council agreed to send the street naming report and put forward 3 names as preference for street names on Parcels R3 R3EL R5 And R7: Humphrey Cook, Godsell, Chamberlayne. **Action: Clerk.**
- c) The Clerk read out an update from Preim:
  - The finishing landscaping works to the areas under the management company are due to be completed between now and Spring. This includes the re-seeding of areas that failed last spring and to finish any planting that failed.

- The management company are awaiting payment from Bellway to CutNClear so that CutNClear can undertake the necessary maintenance and remedial works to ensure the phase can be handed over.
- Preim will meet with Crest SW to review handovers and works required for areas that are due to be completed in the next 12 months.

Cllr Turner-Wilkes has been liaising with Preim about grit bins and received confirmation that Preim won't provide grit bins in line with the County Highways policy. **Action: Cllr Turner-Wilkes** will find out more information from other parish councils as to how they gained approval for grit bins and feedback at the next meeting.

### **393/23 PLANNING**

- a) There were no new planning applications to consider. The Development Control Committee is meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January to determine the Farmhouse Triangle application, it was agreed that Cllr Turner-Wilkes will speak at DCC on behalf of the parish council.
- b) Council noted the Local Plan Examination Update received December 2022.

### **394/23 POLICY WORKING GROUP**

- a) Council approved recommendations from the Policy Working Group:
  - Formation of a business plan working group to include 2 councillors (Cllr Ryder and Cllr Turner-Wilkes) plus 2 residents.
  - Update to residents regarding the Management Company discussions will be published on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Ryder will do a video summary to publish with a link to the longer update.
- b) Council discussed priorities for the next working group (ManCo, priorities, naming project, business plan project) and scheduled the meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The March working group meeting will focus on CIL and Council priorities. **Action: Cllr Turner-Wilkes to arrange meeting room with flipchart for the March meeting.**

### **395/23 YOUTH WORKING GROUP**

- a) Council received an update from the Youth Working Group 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022
  - Youth Council / Voice – provides skills and experience of local democracy. Liaise with the school to start building a youth council with Y5/6 and add to it with new Y6 as the years progress so that we cover a wider age range.
  - Youth activities / club / outreach options – carry out a scoping exercise to determine what's possible, what is likely to work for HG.
  - Easter Community Day with youth consultation 1st April 2023. Ask Crest to confirm that phase 2 main POS will be in suitable condition to be used. Find out when school are doing an Easter trail and make sure our event not in conflict.
  - Get involved with Hardwicke Youth Forum for the area via SDC.
  - Applied to OPCC for grant funding towards Easter Community Day youth activities, and / or scoping costs.
  - Venue for activities: In the longer term the Community Building will be available. Enquire about the possibility of using a small unit in the Farmhouse Triangle development.
  - Find out about nearby activities and promote to residents eg Guides, Scouts etc.

**396/23 GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY UPDATES**

Cllr Turner-Wilkes has been unable to find out how the policing teams share Hunts Grove due to the police team boundary. **Action: Clerk to follow-up with Quedgeley and Stonehouse teams.**

**397/23 FINANCE AND PROCEDURES**

- a) Council received the bank reconciliation and budget analysis for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.
- b) Council approved the quote for the defib electrical installation at the Hunts Grove entrance. **Action: Clerk.**
- c) Council approved the draft budget for 2023/24 with a precept of £52250 and noted that the taxbase decrease has been confirmed. **Action: Clerk.**
- d) Council approved GAPTC to carry out the independent audit of accounts 2022/23 at a cost of £235. **Action: Clerk.**
- e) Council agreed to carry out DBS checks for councillors and volunteers. **Action: Clerk.**
- f) It was agreed that Councillors will deliver the “Welcome New Resident” flyer/postcard. **Action: Councillors.**
- g) Council **resolved** to approve the payments as below.

Invoice Date	Payee	Net	VAT	Gross
31/01/23	Salaries & Expenses January 2023	£459.10	£0	£459.10
01/01/23	Cloudy Group Ltd – January 2023	£43.00	£8.60	£51.60
19/10/22	S.Meecham	£6.90	£0	£6.90
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£509.00</b>	<b>£8.60</b>	<b>£517.60</b>

**398/23 CLERK REPORT**

- a) Council received the Clerk’s verbal report, the school meeting room has been booked for the monthly meetings in 2023 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month except for April and May which will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**399/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

No updates.

**400/23 RECURRING ITEMS TO NOTE**

There were no updates to the recurring items.

**401/23 MEETING DATES**

- a) Council noted arrangements for the next Meeting of the Parish Council taking place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.